

Teignmouth Traffic Management Review

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) *the contents of the report are noted;***
- (b) *that, subject to budgetary approval by Cabinet, a further review of on street parking provisions in Teignmouth is undertaken based on the findings detailed in the Town Council report attached at Appendix I and proposals listed in Section 5 of this report;***
- (c) *that the review should be undertaken in liaison with Teignmouth Town Council and Teignbridge District Council so that a co-ordinated approach to parking provision within the town can be further developed.***

1. Background

Proposals for the Teignmouth Traffic Management Review were reported to this Committee at its meeting on 14 July 2016.

It was RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Devon County Council (Various Streets, Teignmouth) (Waiting Restrictions) Amendment Order be implemented as advertised;**
- (b) that the Devon County Council (Promenade, Teignmouth) (Prohibition of Vehicles and One Way) Order be implemented as advertised;**
- (c) that the Devon County Council (Higher Brimley Road, Teignmouth) (One Way) Order be implemented as advertised;**
- (d) that in recognition of the contentious nature of some of the proposals, the provisions of the above Orders be reviewed after one year of implementation.**

2. Review

Implementation of the Orders began on 1 March 2017 and in line with Resolution d) above a review of the provisions of the Orders has been undertaken.

Site visits to the Town Centre and residential areas, including the current Residents Parking Zone have been undertaken to observe parking behaviour at different times. Visits have taken place during both Term Time and School Holidays during the Spring, Summer and early Autumn.

In addition, a large number of communications have been received from residents of the town, many in support of retaining the existing Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) and some requesting that its provisions are extended to the North, West and East.

Teignmouth Town Council have also received a large number of representations and have produced a report detailing opinions within the town and identifying issues that the review should consider. The report forms Appendix I to this report.

3. Observations (daytime)

- Parking stock within the RPZ was approximately 90% taken up during school half term periods.
- During term time and the summer break some areas within the RPZ were very lightly parked. These included Shute Hill, Bitton Park Road adjacent to St James's Church and Winterbourne Road.
- Parking on the periphery of the RPZ is generally heavy with few parking spaces available during the day. Higher Brimley and Lower Brimley and roads to the east have been particularly affected.
- Parking displacement was not observed to extend as far as Haldon Avenue to the north east.
- The Double Yellow Lines on Higher Brimley adjacent to No. 42 require extension as larger vehicles parked at this location can cause obstruction to Buses and Refuse Vehicles.
- Visitors to the Town seen walking from outside the RPZ towards the Town Centre and sea front carrying beach equipment.
- The One-Way System on Higher Brimley Road appears to be working well and has released additional parking spaces within the RPZ.
- Pay & Display introduced on the Upper Den Carriageway has successfully discouraged long term use of the road by Camper Vans. This along with the extended closure of road during the summer may have contributed to an improvement in the quality of bathing water on the beach.
- On Street Pay and Display within the Town is rarely at capacity.

4. Consultation and Representations

• Teignmouth Town Council

- The Town Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP) met on Tuesday 30 October 2018 to consider its submission to this Committee on this review. Copies of the Town Council's Report and F&GP Recommendations to the Town Council are included as Appendices I & II to this report.
- The Town Council Report gives extensive analysis of comments and representations received, puts them into context and makes some suggestions for future action.
- The F&GP Recommendations to Teignmouth Town Council are that the Town Council:
 - ❖ *Accepts the review report as drafted by the Town Clerk - approved and to send to DCC as TTC response.*
 - ❖ *Makes a formal request to Devon County Council, Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee to review yellow lining in Teignmouth, yellow lining to be used as a way of managing parking – approved.*
 - ❖ *Makes a formal request to Teignbridge District Council about the urgent provision of a multi-storey car park in Teignmouth – approved.*

- ❖ *Teignmouth Town Council mandates the Car Parking Working Party to work with partner agencies and individuals to explore park and ride, opening of school premises for parking during peak holiday periods, the findings of which are to be reported back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee no later than the end of April 2019 – approved to include parking of motorhomes.*

5. Specific Proposals

The Town Council Report broadly represents comments and representations also received by the County Council, highlights a number of issues and makes recommendations. In considering all of the responses received, a number of additional proposals and amendments could be considered.

- Review of double yellow lines to establish where the 24 hour restriction could be relaxed to Daytime Only.
- Extension of the Double Yellow Lines on Higher Brimley in the vicinity of No. 42.
- Additional Signing on the Upper Den Carriageway to draw attention to the availability of 1 hour free parking.
- Identification of areas within the current RPZ which could be made available for limited waiting and visitors.
- Explore the potential for sections of On-Street Pay and Display within the Town Centre area to be made available for residents of a potential Town Centre PRZ.
- Consultation with residents across a wider area of the town on a potential extension to the current RPZ or establishment of a New Zone or Zones.
- Extending entitlement to permits to residents of properties constructed and occupied after the introduction of the RPZ.
- Review the hours of operation of the RPZ.

6. Financial Considerations

The total costs of the review including its implementation would be contained within a proposed Countywide Traffic Management Plan budget of £100,000 which, subject to Cabinet approval, would be allocated from the On-Street Parking Account.

7. Environmental Impact Considerations

The proposals are intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within Teignmouth and are designed to:

- Encourage turnover of on street parking to benefit residents and businesses.
- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

8. Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

9. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the town of Teignmouth.

10. Risk Management Considerations

There are thought to be no major safety issues arising from the proposals.

11. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals are intended to rationalise existing parking arrangements within the Teignmouth area by:

- Encouraging turnover of on street parking to benefit residents and businesses.
- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging longer term visitors to use off street car parks.
- Encouraging those working in the town make more sustainable travel choices eg Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the town of Teignmouth and therefore comply with S 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
Teignbridge HATOC : Teignmouth Traffic Management Review	14/07/2016	Item 7 : https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=182&MId=295&Ver=4

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